News release

Mixed fortunes for Election Day

3 May 2005

This year's Election Day weather will vary from place to place with southern parts of England and Wales seeing the best of any warm sunshine. Even here a light shower is possible later in the day.

After a bright start, northern parts of England and Wales will become cloudy with some rain. Further north again, Scotland and Northern Ireland will start cloudy and wet but cooler brighter and showery weather will arrive from the north-west during the day.

The last three elections have also seen a mixture of weather:

7 June 2001
Cloudy and wet at times in the north-east. Drier and sunnier in the south-west. Temperatures ranged from 10 °C in the north to 17 °C in the south.

1 May 1997
Dry and bright everywhere with sunny spells. Maximum temperatures 20 to 24 °C

9 April 1992
Dry warm and sunny over many parts of England and Wales with maximum temperatures of 17 or 18 °C away from the east coast. Cloudier further north with some rain in northern Scotland where temperatures were nearer 10 to 12 °C.

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